



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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### **H.R. 6193** **Improving Public Access to Documents Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security  
on June 26, 2008*

H.R. 6193 would make several amendments to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 designed to promote the sharing of homeland security and intelligence information by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In particular, the bill would direct the Secretary of DHS to develop, in consultation with the National Archives and Records Administration, a standard format for intelligence products that are designated as controlled unclassified information (CUI), and directs DHS to share, when appropriate, such information with state and local governments, the private sector, and the public. The bill also would require periodic auditing of information designated as CUI and annual training for DHS employees on the proper format for such products.

In addition, the bill would require DHS to assess technologies that would allow the department to track the designation and sharing of CUI, and to develop a plan for implementing such technologies. Since the bill would not require DHS to deploy such technologies, this estimate does not include implementation costs. However, based on information from DHS and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, CBO anticipates that such costs could be significant.

DHS would incur small incremental costs related primarily to the periodic auditing of CUI and the additional training that would be required by the bill. Since DHS is required to monitor compliance with existing policies and has an annual training program for its employees, CBO estimates that the cost of implementing H.R. 6193 would be less than \$500,000 a year, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 6193 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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